

BAHS Wins State Preservation Award !

The Brighton Area Historical Society has won a Preservation Award for their outstanding work in Brighton's Old Village Cemetery. This specific award, through the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, is the "Community Award" for completion of a restoration project that enlists the help of other community groups. The initial restoration work started in 2009 with resurrecting the perimeter boundaries that were badly overgrown with trees and vegetation. A new entrance gate with a new sidewalk provided access into the cemetery. In 2012, headstone repairs started after volunteer workers were trained in the best practices of headstone restoration by a professional conservator. Headstone restorations by the historical society are expected to be completed in 2023.

Groups that participated in the project were:

Brighton Area Historical Society and its members, Sons of Union Veterans Post 120, Michigan Chapter 5 of Rolling Thunder, City of Brighton and the DPW, State of Michigan Organization of The Questers, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Cheryl Stockwell Academy HS Honor Society, Brighton community members, and local Cub and Boy Scout packs.

Thank you to the team members that restored headstones: Howard Bisoski, Don Boyer, Bob Brantley, Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Gunnar & Jerry Damon, Bill Dixon, Tony Ferreyra, Dave Fuller, Bill Goodwin, Bob Hill, Jim Ireton, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Jack Longberry, Ernie Nagy, Randy Needham, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Gary Reutter, Dave Rebiger, Dave Schoewe, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez and Dick Weaire. Deceased members: Larry Lawrence, Clark Millar, Don Thomas and Hank Winegar.

Thank you to the members who also provided special help over the years: George Allen, Brad Beal, Judith Coebly, Carole Damon, John & Janice Field, Nancy Fredenburg, Tom Reinke, Tammy Sexton, Lynn Strong and Vicki Vichich. Deceased members: Marieanna Bair and Lin Millar.

Also a special thank you to member Tim Bennett for his help in applying for the award.

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ATTENTION — FREE EXHIBIT — CoBACH Center

June 11—Sunday —12—4pm

In honor of Flag Day, June 14, there will be a Special Museum Quality US Flag Exhibit June 11th. You will see many old historic U.S. flags from a private collection. Presentations on the hour from 12—3pm. A great one-day exhibit and presentation you don't want to miss!

Sponsored by Sons of Union Veterans Post 120, Howell.

CoBACH Exhibit:

May
"CHURCHES OF
BRIGHTON"

CoBACH Hours in May

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Monday—Closed

**Archiving at Lyon School
on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2023 unless otherwise noted)

IND/FAMILY: Jesse Roberts*

PATRON: Nick Deychakiwsky, Margo Metzger

***WELCOME** to new member: Jesse Roberts

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES. Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2023 and beyond.
- Lake Trust Credit Union and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2023 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Margo Metzger for her donation to Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Nick Deychakiwsky for his matching contribution from the Mott Foundation along with his dues.

- Kathy Alrubaiy for her donation to Old Village Cemetery.
- CoBACH volunteers that act as docents and generously share the story of our community: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- April Lyon School Thursday morning workers: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.

The Society extends its sympathy to the family of:

Philip Gage

Phil was a long-time member of the Society.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT; May: "Brighton Area Churches"

Hours: Tue—Fri 5—8pm, Sat 11—5pm, Sun 2—5pm

Monday — CLOSED

May 4,11,18,25; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

May 12; Mackinac Island, Mission Point Resort: Presentation of Old Village Cemetery Restoration Award. (See Page 1)

May 13, Saturday; 12nn—3pm; Old Village Cemetery: Join the Cheryl Stockwell Honor Society as they do the Annual Spring

Clean-up of the grounds. Bring a leaf rake and gloves.

May 24; 6pm at CoBACH Center: BAHS Board Meeting.

June 11; 1—4pm Co-BACH Center: Special Museum Quality US Flag Exhibit. See Page 1 for complete details.

Upcoming BAHS Presentations:

May 8; 1:30pm Woodland Village Senior; 1: Program: "Brighton History Through Old Photos"

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach
Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan
Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Frank & Jo Del Vero — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra
Nancy Fredenburg — Dave & Jacque Fuller — Lee & Deb Gough — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst
Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX)
Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Veno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH)
John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Kathy Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips
Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Carole Scott
Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Al & Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

Business /Professional Members: (** Indicates Life Members)

Advance Craft Builders (2023) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor**
Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2023) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm. ** — Buckley-Jolley Group **
Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc. ** — Lindhout Associates**
Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Neighbors Magazine (2022)
Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2023) — Preview Properties (2023) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research **
Serra Honda Brighton (2023) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2023) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

2023 Sponsorships: Platinum: Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile

Bronze: Margaret Bowland, Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, Carolina DeLuca, Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial, Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check One:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	Amount of Donation:
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Sponsorship Program

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall).

Annual Sponsor levels are:

Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Tony Ferreyra
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Secretary—Interim Jerry Damon	John Rawcliffe
Treasurer Mindy Kinsey	Thomas Reinke
Webmaster Debbie Armstrong	Lynn Strong
	Trail Tales Editor Jerry Damon

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Lyon School
11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

CoBACH Center
202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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The following is another article submitted to us by Tim Bennett. As many of our readers/members enjoy researching, we will periodically publish tips/articles on how to research different topics. Tim Bennett is the sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road.

“Research Tips — Vital Statistics”

Primary source records are often considered the gold standard for acquiring ancestral information as these documents are created at the time of the event they record. Common examples include letters, diaries, and journals. A number of official government documents are also considered primary source. Besides census records, these include birth, marriage, and death records, also known as vital statistics. Not all primary source records are created equally and even vital statistics can show "anomalies".

Like census records, the integrity of data found in vital statistics depends directly on the informant and proper recordkeeping. It would seem that information found in birth, marriage, and death records would always come from close, reliable sources. However, when one Brighton resident attempted to get copies of her birth certificate, she discovered that she had apparently been born on two different dates roughly a year apart between records kept at the county and those held by the state. She decided to go with the latter as it made her a year "younger"! The name of another Brighton family member was different on the birth and death certificates. In this case, the family informant for the death certificate, the father, provided the name that was used throughout his life instead of the actual given name at birth. In another case, the death certificate of one extended family member who had no children was supplied by a neighbor. Even headstones have been found with the wrong dates, conflicting with newspaper obituaries for stones likely placed at a later time.

Registration of birth, marriage, and death records by government entities in Michigan didn't occur as an organized initiative until 1867. This registration process wasn't completely enforced and a new law in 1905 requiring better recordkeeping led to general compliance by 1915. Vital events were recorded in ledgers for deaths until 1897, births until 1905, and marriages until 1925 after which individual certificates were completed at the time of the event. Ledgers of varying availability kept both at the state and county levels are found online through genealogical research services with indexing as well as through state websites such as Michiganology.org.

Not all vital records are freely accessible and some are limited by law to the public. Prior to 1867, researchers must rely on a disparate set of church records and family bibles with some available online. While copies of more recent marriage and death records can be ordered from the county or state, Michigan law limits the availability of records on births within the last 100 years to authorized individuals related to the person in the record.

References:

<https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public/michigan/bibs/michigan-vital-records-guide>